

GAME BOY ADVANCE

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*Virtua*  
*Tennis*™

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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**WARNING: PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE PRECAUTIONS BOOKLET INCLUDED WITH THIS PRODUCT BEFORE USING YOUR NINTENDO® HARDWARE SYSTEM, GAME PAK OR ACCESSORY. THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION.**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION - READ THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS BEFORE YOU OR YOUR CHILD PLAY VIDEO GAMES**

## **⚠ WARNING - Seizures**

Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or black outs triggered by light flashes, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before.

Anyone who has had a seizure, loss of awareness, or other symptom linked to an epileptic condition should consult a doctor before playing a video game.

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**Convulsions**  
**Altered vision**

**Eye or muscle twitching**  
**Involuntary movements**

**Loss of awareness**  
**Disorientation**

To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:

1. Sit or stand as far from the screen as possible.
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4. Play in a well-lit room.
5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

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Playing video games can make your muscles, joints or skin hurt after a few hours. Follow these instructions to avoid problems such as Tendonitis, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome or skin irritation:

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**THIS GAME PAK INCLUDES A MULTI-PLAYER MODE WHICH REQUIRES A GAME BOY® ADVANCE GAME LINK® CABLE.**

Note: To play 2, 3, or 4-player Virtua Tennis™, each player requires a Virtua Tennis Game Pak, a Game Boy® Advance video game system, and a Game Link® Cable."

**THIS GAME PAK WILL WORK ONLY WITH THE GAME BOY® ADVANCE VIDEO GAME SYSTEM.**

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# GETTING STARTED

1. Turn OFF the power switch on your Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
2. Insert the Game Pak of Virtua Tennis™ into the slot on the Game Boy Advance. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.
3. Turn ON the POWER switch. The logo screens will appear (if you don't see them, begin again at step 1).
4. When the title screen appears, press START to proceed to the Main Menu.

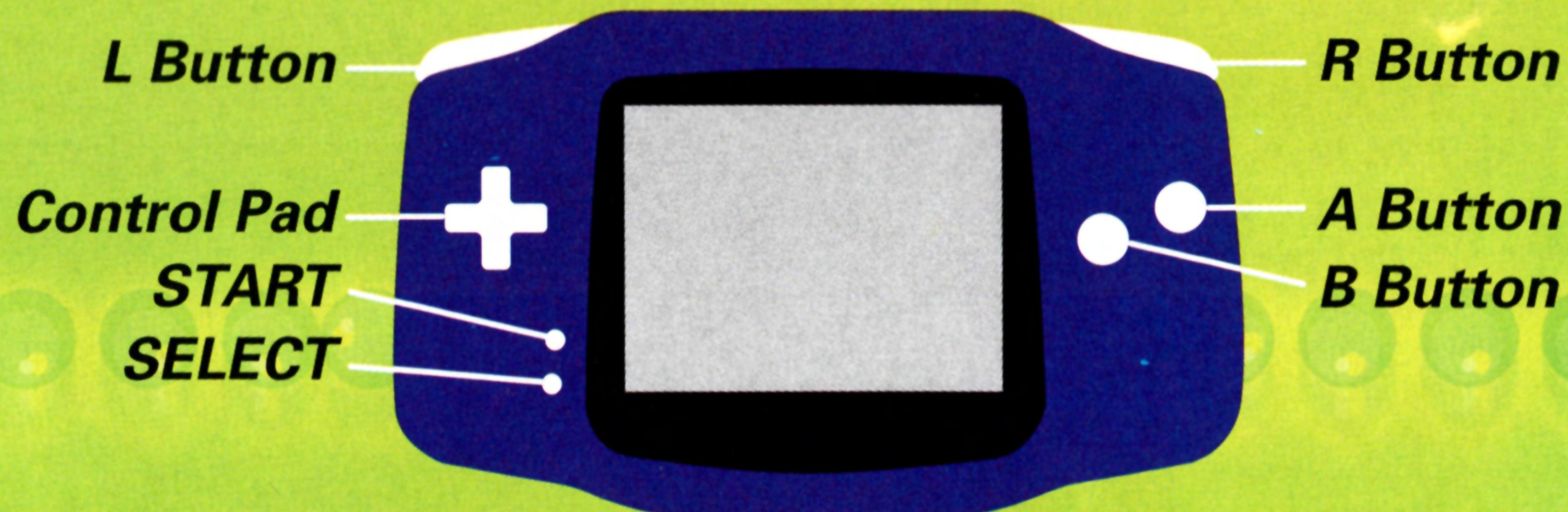
# INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for purchasing Virtua Tennis. Get ready to compete in tournaments, exhibition matches and even go out onto the World Tour. Do you have what it takes to be the number one ranked player? In order to reach the top you will have to hone your skills in eight mini-games. The game is waiting, find out if you can become the best of the best.

# GAME CONTROLS



## Menu Navigation

<i>Control Pad</i>	<i>Menu Navigation</i>
<i>A Button</i>	<i>Accept Selection</i>
<i>B Button</i>	<i>Cancel Selection / Go Back</i>

## Game Controls

<b>Control Pad</b>	<b><i>Move the player / Aim the shot during swing</i></b>
<b>A Button</b>	<b><i>Top Spin</i></b>
<b>B Button</b>	<b><i>Slice Shot</i></b>
<b>A + B Buttons</b>	<b><i>Lob Shot</i></b>
<b>L or R Buttons</b>	<b><i>Call out Doubles partner commands or change player on the world map in World Tour mode</i></b>
<b>START</b>	<b><i>Pause Game</i></b>

\*To serve the ball, press the A or B Button to start the power meter. Press the A or B Button again to lock in the power of your serve. Try to time it with the power bar at the top (Max Power) for a devastating serve. Use the Control Pad to aim your serve.

# MAIN MENU

Press START from the Title Screen to bring up the Main Menu. There you can choose from four options – Tournament, Exhibition, World Tour, and Options.

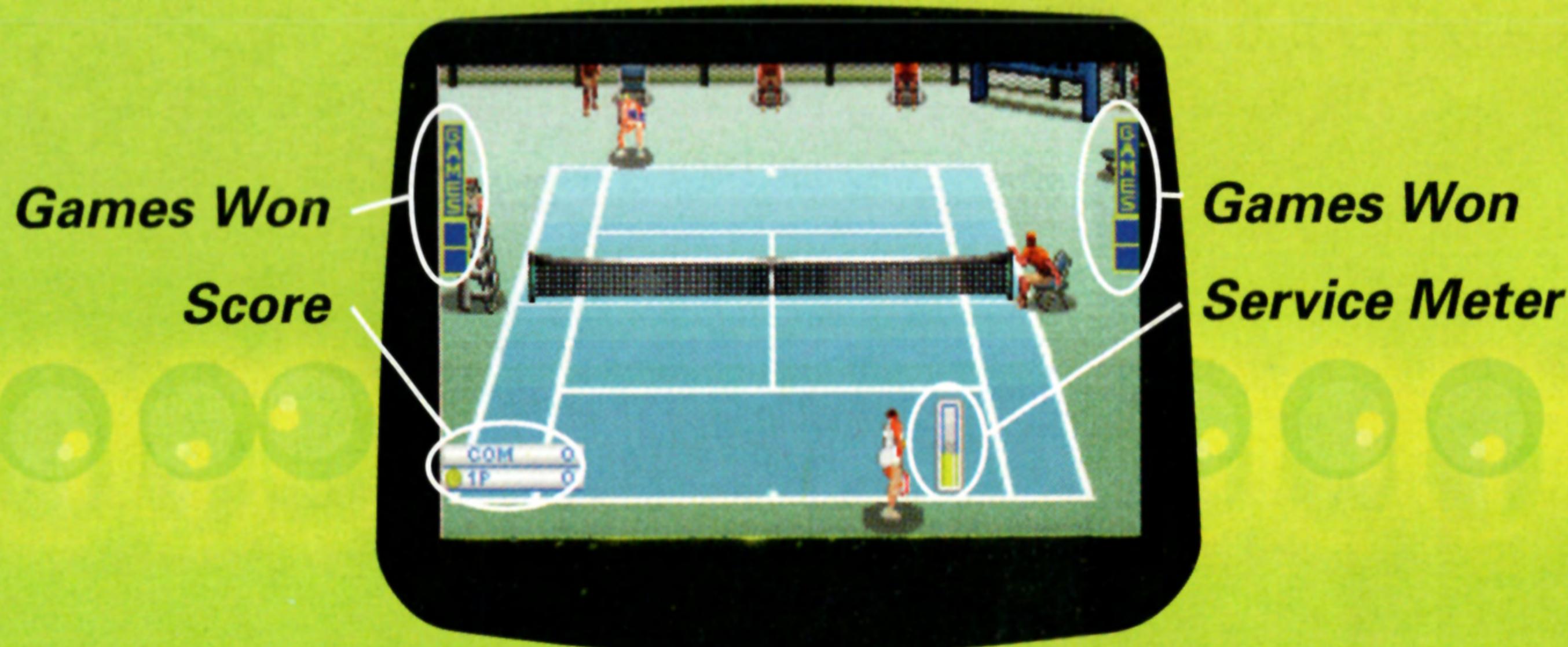


## Pro Tip

*When you are playing a doubles match, use the L and R Buttons to direct your computer controlled partner (COM) to a different area of the court. The COM player can play at the baseline, the normal position, or at the net.*

<b>Tournament</b>	Compete in singles or doubles tournament. Select your player(s) from the list of twelve players (you can unlock four more players), including Venus and Serena Williams. See page 9 for more information.
<b>Exhibition</b>	Compete in a singles or doubles match. See page 10 for a description of the Exhibition setup menu. You can also play 2 to 4-player games with the Game Boy Advance Game Link® Cable. See page 13 for more information on multi-player setup.
<b>World Tour</b>	Create a male and female tennis pro and compete on the world stage. You start out with a player ranking of 300. Can you become the number one ranked player in the world?
<b>Options</b>	Change the game settings and check the sounds. See page 29 for a further description.

# GAMEPLAY SCREEN



## Pro Tip

You can choose to play your tennis matches with Tie Breaks on or off. With Tie Breaks set to ON, you will play matches just like they do in the pros. When the match is tied at 40-40, the score will be Deuce. You have to score two points in a row at this point to win the match.

# TOURNAMENT

Compete in a single elimination tournament against some fierce competition. In a singles tournament, you will have to win four consecutive matches while in a doubles tournament you will have to win three consecutive matches. As you move deeper into the tournament, your opponents will get tougher and tougher to beat.

After selecting Tournament from the Main Menu, you will first select either a singles or doubles game. Then you will get to pick which tennis player(s) you want to control. Each player has his own strengths and weaknesses, so make sure you pick a player that fits the type of game you like to play.



# EXHIBITION

After selecting Exhibition from the Main Menu, you will choose to play a singles or doubles match. After setting up the rules for the game, you will pick your player. You can then set the location of your match. Play on different courts and surfaces from around the world.



## ***EXHIBITION***

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<b><i>COM Level</i></b>	<b><i>Easy, Normal, Hard, Very Hard</i></b>
<b><i>Game Count</i></b>	<b><i>1 - 6</i></b>
<b><i>Tie Break</i></b>	<b><i>On / Off</i></b>
<b><i>Deuce</i></b>	<b><i>On / Off</i></b>
<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Choose to serve or receive first</i></b>

## Exhibition Multiplayer Games

Get together with your friends for some intense tennis action in the Exhibition game mode. One to four players can compete in competitive and cooperative Singles and Doubles matches. Make sure you use the POSITION option on the setup menu to determine which side of the net each player will start. See MULTIPLAYER SETUP for more information on connecting two to four players.

### **Pro Tip**

*There are several courts to choose from in Exhibition Mode, each with a different playing surface. You can unlock several other courts by purchasing them with your winnings in the World Tour mode.*

# MULTIPLAYER SETUP

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In order to play a Multiplayer game, each player will need a Game Boy® Advance game system and their own copy of Virtua Tennis™. In addition, one Game Link® Cable is required for two players, two Game Link® Cables for three players, and three Game Link® Cables for four players to compete.

Each player needs to choose EXHIBITION from the Main Menu in order to compete against each other. An icon for each player (1P, 2P, 3P, and 4P) will appear on the Exhibition setup screen. The player designated as 1P can change the settings for the upcoming match.

Note: For a 3 or 4 player game, all players should enter from the match type screen to the Exhibition set-up screen simultaneously. The player icons on the Exhibition set-up screen may take anywhere from 5-10 seconds to appear on all Game Boy® Advance systems.

## Exhibition Multiplayer Setup

Two to four players can compete in an Exhibition match. Use the POSITION option to determine which side of the net (or which Doubles team) each player will compete from. After selecting OK from the bottom of the setup screen, each player can now choose a Pro to compete as. Finally, select a stage using the Control Pad and press the A Button to head to the court.

# WORLD-TOUR

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## Creating Your Players

Before beginning your World Tour, you have to create a male and female player. Your characters will be beginners on the tennis scene and will be ranked 300th in the world. You'll have to play mini-games to increase your characters' skill and compete in tournaments to increase your ranking. When you are done entering your character's information, select END to continue. After you've entered the info for your male player, you will have to repeat the process for your female player.



## Pro Tip

*Don't stand around! Once you've made a shot, keep moving. If you stand flat-footed, your opponent will find the open area of the court and return the ball where you can't hit it.*

# WORLD TOUR

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<b>Name</b>	Enter your character's name via the keyboard. Use the A Button to select the letter. Use the B Button to delete the previous letter. Select END when you are finished.
<b>Body</b>	Change the outfit and skin color of your player.
<b>Plays</b>	Is your character right-handed or left-handed? You can also select your player's main strength - Power, Footwork, Control, or Stamina.
<b>Color</b>	Choose the color of your player's outfit.

## World Map Navigation

Use the Control Pad to move the cursor around the world. There are several locations to choose from. There is a tennis shop to buy equipment from, several training centers for playing the mini-games, your home location, and the tournament registration center.



## Pro Tip

*At the shop, you can purchase a contract with a doubles partner for 3 tournaments. You get to select one of 10 players (5 male and 5 female). Make sure you choose a player that will complement your player's skills. If you're weak at the net, make sure you pick someone who can pick you up there. If you're weak serving, make sure you choose a player with a strong first shot. The service aces will help you advance.*

<b>Home</b>	Check your player's status, change his/her gear, view the items you have earned and save your progress.
<b>Shop</b>	Purchase parts for your player's racket, shoes, additional equipment, exhibition courts, and doubles partners.
<b>Tournament</b>	Select from one of the many tournaments around the world. Doing well in each tournament is the only way to advance your player in the rankings.
<b>Mini-Games</b>	Increase your player's skills by competing in the eight mini-games. With practice, your character will soon be one of the best tennis players in the world.

## Mini-Games

There are eight mini-games in *Virtua Tennis*. These games will help you hone your skills and increase your player's chances of winning the big match. It will take you some time to get your player ready to take on the best players in the world.

## Pro Tip

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*When you buy support items (i.e. drink, wristband, etc) from the shop, they are good for your next tournament only. So be sure to repurchase any support items you may need between each tournament.*

# WORLD TOUR

## Alien Force

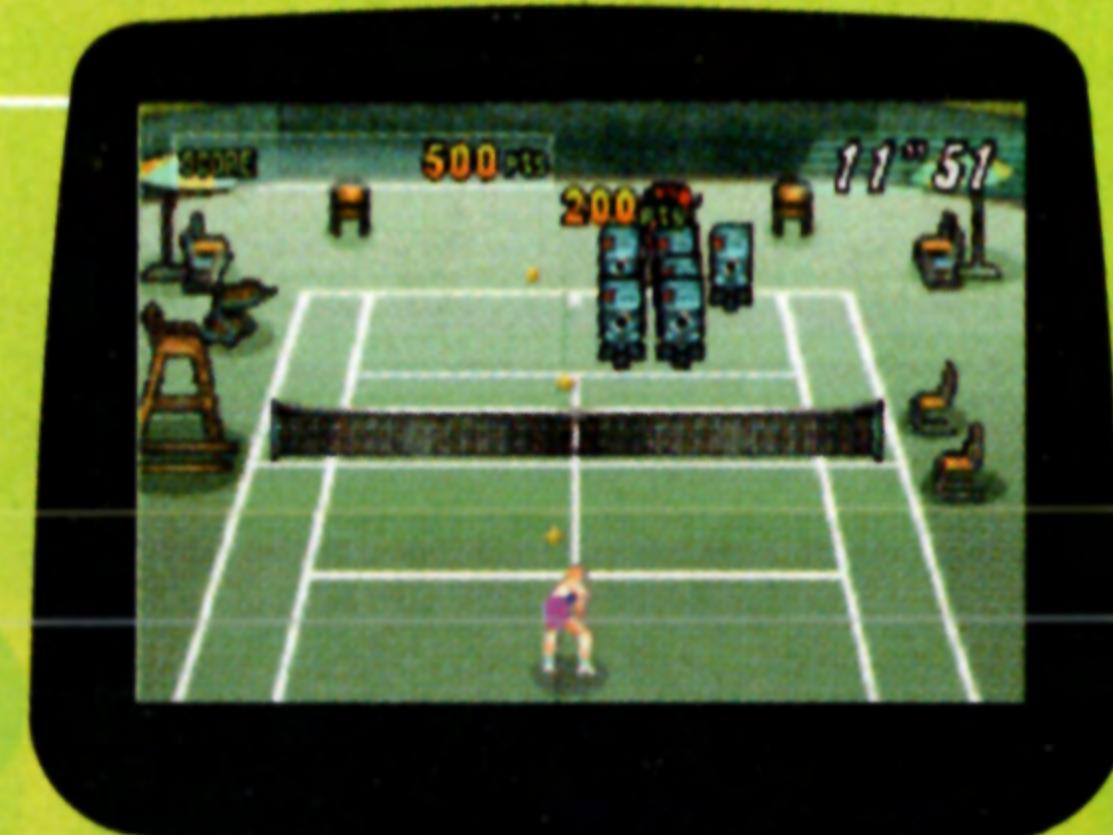
**Training Type:** Volley

**Improves:** Speed, Control, and Jump

**Limit:** Time

A grid of ball launchers moves from left to right in the back court launching balls at you.

Return their shots, aiming for the ball launchers. When you hit a ball launcher, it will disappear. Hit all of the ball launchers within the time limit to advance.



## Bull's Eye

**Training Type:** Volley

**Improves:** Control and Technique

**Limit:** Time

The back court has a bull's eye painted on it. As the ball launcher sends balls your way, return them. Each successful return will earn you points towards your goal, with a multiplier applied as you get closer to the center ring. This drill will help teach you the control you need to place the ball where you want it against your opponents. Score more points than the goal to complete the Bull's Eye task.



## Burger Chef

**Training Type:** Serve

**Improves:** Speed and Control

**Limit:** Ball count

This drill will improve your serve technique. The floor in front of the cook is tiled like a red and white checkerboard. Drop your serve onto one of the squares and the corresponding ingredient will be dropped onto the oversized hamburger. If your serve does not land in the checkerboard area, a fish head will be dropped onto your burger. As you put good ingredients onto the burger, you will earn points with a bonus being awarded based on the type of burger you have created.



## Disc Shooter

***Training Type:*** Volley

***Improves:*** Speed, Control and Technique

***Limit:*** Ball count

In this mini-game you are playing a version of the Japanese game Go. When you return the serve, the ball will land on one of the board pieces and it will change color (either from black to white or white to black). If you turn over any two discs in the same row or column, all discs in between the two will turn over. Your goal is to make all of the discs white.



## Egg Crasher

**Training Type:** Serve

**Improves:** Power and Control

**Limit:** Ball count

In this serve drill, there are several large eggs in the back court. Control your serve so it hits one of the eggs squarely. If your ball hits the egg at either end, the egg will not crack, but will instead spin. Each cracked egg will earn you points towards your goal. Try to hit 2 or 3 eggs with one ball.



## Fruit Conveyor

**Training Type:** Footwork

**Improves:** Footwork, Stamina, and Jump

**Limit:** Time

Your player is running on a giant conveyor. Dodge the objects as you pick up the fruit coming towards you. Each piece of fruit you pick up will earn you points. Don't get too close to the edge, your player will fall off and you will lose precious time. Your goal is to collect enough points before time runs out



## Stomp Man

**Training Type:** Footwork

**Improves:** Footwork and Stamina

**Limit:** Time

There are several cans located in the near court. When you return the ball from the ball launcher, the cans will turn to a lighter color. Run over them to pick them up. Quickly return the ball to continue picking up the cans. If you fail to return the ball, the launcher will send another one towards you but precious time will come off of the clock.



## Tank Attack

**Training Type:** Stroke

**Improves:** Power, Speed, and Technique

**Limit:** Time

A large red tank will launch balls at you from the back court. Return the serve so it hits the tank to earn points. Watch out for the green tanks in level 2 and up.



## Tournaments

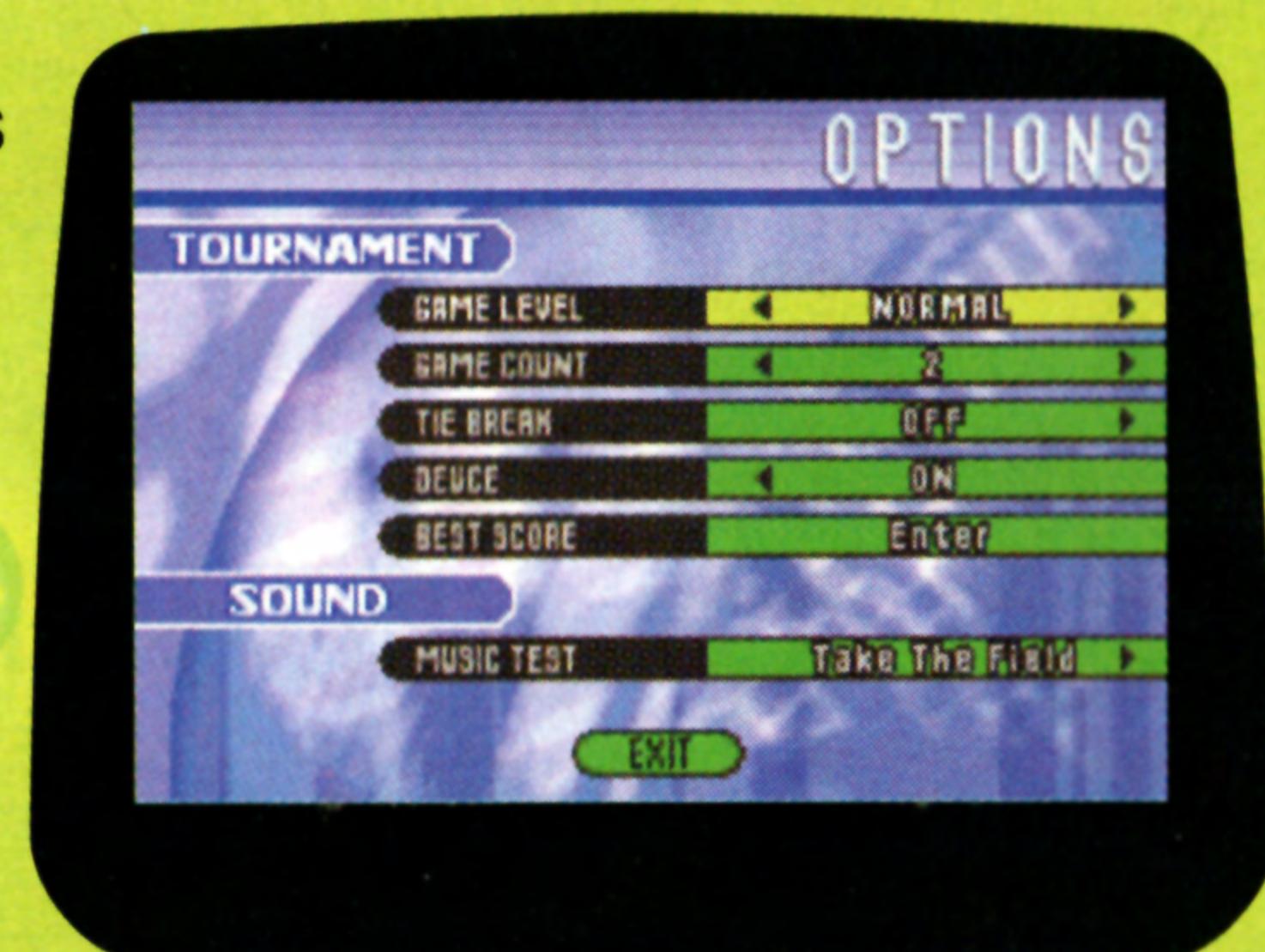
After you have trained your player character in several of the mini-games, you can enter one of the many tournaments being held around the world. Go to the Tournament Registration Center to sign up for one of these competitions. As your character gains more experience, you will be able to compete in the more difficult tournaments and with each win, your player ranking will improve.



# OPTIONS

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You can change a couple of the game settings of Virtua Tennis via the Options Menu. Select Exit to return to the Main Menu.



## Game Settings

<b>Game Level</b>	<b>Easy, Normal, Hard, Very Hard</b>
<b>Game Count</b>	<b>1 - 6</b>
<b>Tie Break</b>	<b>On / Off</b>
<b>Deuce</b>	<b>On / Off</b>
<b>Best Score</b>	<b>Enter (which allows you to view the Tournament High Scores)</b>

## Sound

<b>Music Test</b>	<b>Hear all the sounds in the game</b>
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# —SAVING AND LOADING—

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Climbing the rankings from the 300th ranked player in the world all the way up to number one will take some time. Make sure you save all of your hard work so you can pick up the game where you left off the next time you play Virtua Tennis. Go to your player's home city from the map view in World Tour mode. From there you can select SAVE. The next time you power up the game, select World Tour from the Main Menu and then select CONTINUE. This will allow you to load your previously saved game.

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